

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. A finger guard for an electrical circuit breaker, the finger guard comprising:
  - a body including a front face and a rear face;
  - an opening formed from the front face to rear face, the opening sized to receive a switch of an electrical circuit breaker;
  - first and second side guards on the front face extending generally perpendicular to the front face and defining opposing sides of the opening;
  - a knock-out positioned within the opening, the knock-out removably attached to the body and substantially blocking the opening; and
  - at least one fastener opening through the body for mounting to a switched electrical circuit breaker with the switch of the circuit breaker extending into the opening.
2. The finger guard of claim 1, further comprising a top wall and a bottom wall extending from the front face along a top and bottom of the opening, respectively, the top and bottom walls being generally perpendicular to the side guards and extending from the first side guard to the second side guard, defining a substantially rectangular bounded area on the front face positioned about the opening.
3. The finger guard of claim 2, wherein the top wall includes an outer surface and a distal edge and the bottom wall includes an outer surface and a distal edge, and a first raised ramped finger grip is positioned proximate the distal edge of the outer surface of the top wall and a second raised ramped finger grip is positioned proximate the distal edge of the outer surface of the bottom wall, the raised ramped finger grips cooperating to define opposing finger holds.
4. The finger guard of claim 2, further comprising a designation holder extending from the front face adjacent to either the top wall or the bottom wall outside the bounded area for receiving indicia.

5. A finger guard for an electrical circuit breaker, the finger guard comprising:
- a body including a front face and a rear face;
  - an opening formed from the front face to rear face, the opening being approximately rectangular and having a top and a bottom, the opening sized to receive a switch of an electrical circuit breaker;
  - first and second side guards on the front face extending generally perpendicular to the front face and defining opposing sides of the opening;
  - a top wall and a bottom wall extending from the front face along the top and bottom of the opening, respectively, the top and bottom walls being generally perpendicular to the side guards and extending from the first side guard to the second side guard, defining a substantially rectangular bounded area on the front face positioned about the opening;
  - the top wall including an outer surface and a distal edge and the bottom wall including an outer surface and a distal edge, and a first raised ramped finger grip positioned proximate the distal edge of the outer surface of the top wall and a second raised ramped finger grip positioned proximate the distal edge of the outer surface of the bottom wall, the raised ramped finger grips cooperating to define opposing finger holds; and
  - at least one fastener opening through the body for mounting to a switched electrical circuit breaker with the switch of the circuit breaker extending through the opening into the bounded area.
6. The finger guard of claim 5, further comprising a designation holder extends from the front face adjacent to either the top wall or the bottom wall outside the bounded area for receiving indicia.
7. The finger guard of claim 5, further comprising a knock out positioned in the opening.

8. The finger guard of claim 5, further comprising a switched electrical circuit breaker mounted to the finger guard with the switch of the circuit breaker extending into the bounded area.

9. A finger guard for an electrical circuit breaker, the finger guard comprising:  
a body including a front face and a rear face;  
an opening formed from the front face to rear face, the opening being approximately rectangular and having a top and a bottom, the opening sized to receive a switch of an electrical circuit breaker;

first and second side guards on the front face extending generally perpendicular to the front face and defining opposing sides of the opening;

a designation holder on the front face adjacent to either a top or a bottom of the body for receiving indicia; and

at least one fastener opening through the body for mounting to a switched electrical circuit breaker with the switch of the circuit breaker extending into the opening.

10. The finger guard of claim 9, further comprising a knock out positioned in the opening.

11. The finger guard of claim 9, further comprising a switched electrical circuit breaker mounted to the finger guard with the switch of the circuit breaker extending into the bounded area.

12. An electrical power distribution system comprising:  
a chassis including a power input terminal and a power output terminal;  
the chassis enclosing an electrical bus electrically connected to each of the power input and the power output terminals but not providing a continuous electrical pathway between the power input terminal and the power output terminal;

the electrical bus including a mount for mounting a switched electrical circuit breaker such that the electrical circuit breaker completes a continuous circuit between the power input and power output terminals;

the chassis including an opening allowing access to the mount for mounting the circuit breaker; and

a finger guard mounted in the opening allowing access to the mount for mounting the circuit breaker, the finger guard comprising:

a body including a front face and a rear face;

an opening formed from the front face to rear face, the opening sized to receive a switch of an electrical circuit breaker;

first and second side guards on the front face extending generally perpendicular to the front face and defining opposing sides of the opening;

a knock-out positioned within the opening, the knock-out removably attached to the body and substantially blocking the opening; and

at least one fastener opening through the body for mounting to a switched electrical circuit breaker with the switch of the circuit breaker extending into the opening.

13. An electrical power distribution system comprising:

a chassis including a power input terminal and a power output terminal;

the chassis enclosing an electrical bus electrically connected to each of the power input and the power output terminals but not providing a continuous electrical pathway between the power input terminal and the power output terminal;

the electrical bus including a mount for mounting a switched electrical circuit breaker such that the electrical circuit breaker completes a continuous circuit between the power input and power output terminals;

the chassis including an opening allowing access to the mount for mounting the circuit breaker; and

a finger guard mounted in the opening allowing access to the mount for mounting the circuit breaker, the finger guard comprising:

a body including a front face and a rear face;

an opening formed from the front face to rear face, the opening being approximately rectangular and having a top and a bottom, the opening sized to receive a switch of an electrical circuit breaker;

first and second side guards on the front face extending generally perpendicular to the front face and defining opposing sides of the opening;

a top wall and a bottom wall extending from the front face along the top and bottom of the opening, respectively, the top and bottom walls being generally perpendicular to the side guards and extending from the first side guard to the second side guard, defining a substantially rectangular bounded area on the front face positioned about the opening;

the top wall including an outer surface and a distal edge and the bottom wall including an outer surface and a distal edge, and a first raised ramped finger grip positioned proximate the distal edge of the outer surface of the top wall and a second raised ramped finger grip positioned proximate the distal edge of the outer surface of the bottom wall, the raised ramped finger grips cooperating to define opposing finger holds; and

at least one fastener opening through the body for mounting to a switched electrical circuit breaker with the switch of the circuit breaker extending through the opening into the bounded area.

14. An electrical power distribution system comprising:

a chassis including a power input terminal and a power output terminal;

the chassis enclosing an electrical bus electrically connected to each of the power input and the power output terminals but not providing a continuous electrical pathway between the power input terminal and the power output terminal;

the electrical bus including a mount for mounting a switched electrical circuit breaker such that the electrical circuit breaker completes a continuous circuit between the power input and power output terminals;

the chassis including an opening allowing access to the mount for mounting the circuit breaker; and

a finger guard mounted in the opening allowing access to the mount for mounting the circuit breaker, the finger guard comprising:

- a body including a front face and a rear face;

- an opening formed from the front face to rear face, the opening being approximately rectangular and having a top and a bottom, the opening sized to receive a switch of an electrical circuit breaker;

- first and second side guards on the front face extending generally perpendicular to the front face and defining opposing sides of the opening;

- a designation holder on the front face adjacent to either a top or a bottom of the body for receiving indicia; and

- at least one fastener opening through the body for mounting to a switched electrical circuit breaker with the switch of the circuit breaker extending into the opening.

15. A method of mounting a circuit breaker to an electrical power distribution chassis comprising the steps of:

- providing an electrical power distribution chassis including:

- a power input terminal, a power output terminal, and an electrical bus electrically connected to each of the power input and the power output terminals but not providing a continuous electrical pathway between the power input terminal and the power output terminal;

- the electrical bus including a mount for mounting a switched electrical circuit breaker such that the electrical circuit breaker completes a continuous circuit between the power input and power output terminals; and

- the chassis including a front face defining an opening sized to allow access to the means for mounting the electrical circuit breaker;

- removing a protective guard mounted across the opening in the front face of the chassis, the protective guard including a front face including first and second side guards and an opening between the side guards, with a removable knock-out substantially covering the opening;

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removing the knock-out from the opening of the front face of the protective guard;

mounting the protective guard to the switched electrical circuit breaker such that a switch of the circuit breaker protrudes through the opening and between the side guards; and

replacing the protective guard across the opening in the front face of the chassis so that the switched electrical circuit breaker engages the mount for the switched electrical circuit breaker.

16. A finger guard for an electrical circuit breaker, the finger guard comprising:

a body including a switch guard positioned adjacent to a breaker receiving region defined by the body;

a removable portion blocking receipt of the breaker in the breaker receiving region;

means for mounting the breaker to the body when the removable portion is removed; and

means for mounting the body to a chassis.

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